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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your kind letter of best wishes. I appreciate it.

I am glad that you and the family are having an enjoyable and profitable tour [redacted]

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In theory, I support three-year tours overseas. But; not in your case. We have an enormous amount of work to do to make the Office the best in the business and to keep ahead of the rapid change under way in the whole organization. Quality people, people with industry and imagination are always in short supply. Under the circumstances, how can I allow you to spend a third year doing somebody else's work? We need you too badly here.

Obviously, I cannot make a specific commitment for next year, but there are a number of interesting possibilities that we will need to discuss in the coming months. I am very enthusiastic about the work we must do, and I see you as a key player in the Office in meeting the challenges. Need I say more?

Best to you and your family, and I look forward to seeing you some muggy day in 1986.

Regards.

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D/OTE [redacted]

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